

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2016
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE , MRS B.ROBINSON, AND T.SHARRATT**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY,POLICE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER PC
P.HARRISON, AND SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

4161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long,W.Nelson and
and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the current state of health of District
Councillor Dickinson.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

4162. LALC.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) on behalf of the Parish Council
congratulated the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on his appointment as Vice
Chairman of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils.

4163. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's
Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct the Clerk asked if any Member
wished to declare an interest in any matter to be considered by the Parish Council at
the meeting. No one did so at this stage.

4164. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 9th
November 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record
and signed by the Chairman subject to Minute 4146(J) being amended to read Yew
Tree Cottage and not Hillhouse Lane.

4165 ADJOURNMENT:

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO
RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS
DEALT WITH. THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE
FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

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4166. MILLHOUSE LANE:

A Member of the Public informed the Parish Council of the serious problems arising for residents of Millhouse Lane and in particular Millhouse Farm following the collapse of a culvert over the Christmas Period.

Councillor Nelson had reported the problems to the Clerk who had notified the County Council.

A footpaths officer had visited the site and discussed the issues with local residents. Millhouse Lane was a private road and the cost of reinstating the road was not the responsibility of the County Council their responsibility related to the maintenance of the public footpath.

The local resident was informed of the aid which Chorley Council was providing to people affected by flooding.

County Councillor Devaney indicated he would discuss the issues for local residents with the County Council. The Parish Council offered to support for the residents as far as it was able.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council await the outcome of County Councillor Devaney's discussions with the County Council.

4167. CULVERT NEAR LORD NELSON:

A local resident requested details of work scheduled to be undertaken to the culvert. She understood that the County Council had a programme of maintenance work relating to culverts and gulleys.

County Councillor Devaney reminded the Parish Council that the County Council had stopped this programme as a cost reduction measure.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed of the problems with this culvert.

4168. MOTORBIKE SCRAMBLING - DENHAM QUARRY:

Two residents of Top oth Lane informed the Parish Council of incidents at the Quarry during the period between Christmas and New Year.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the action taken and the Police Community Beat Officer (P.C. Harrison) asked that residents should contact his office should further incidents arise.

Resolved:- That the action taken be noted and that the police contact number be included in Brindle Voice.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4169. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTER:

The Police Community Beat Manager informed the Parish Council that there were current staffing problems within the division and that a new PCSO would take up duties in February 2016.

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Councillor Hindle indicated that there was still the problem of speeding traffic on Bournes Row. The police had visited the site and were considering the promotion of a Road Watch Scheme but there were health and safety issues to resolve.

A local resident expressed concerns regarding men in a white van regularly visiting the area round the Lord Nelson and surveying surrounding properties.

The police would investigate this.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 2nd February 2016 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would attend

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk circulated copies of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

4170. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities including the AGM held on 30th November 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

4171. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter including details of the project Clean for the Queen event in March 2016 to celebrate the 90th birthday of her Majesty.

The Clerk also submitted the 2014/15 Annual Report of the Association.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

4172. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). STREET LIGHT NO 10 - BOURNES ROW:

At the last meeting a Member of the Public reported that the street light at the properties 8 -10 Bournes Row was not working. The Clerk had notified the County Council and the lighting column had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Clerk had requested a response from Chorley Council as to why the suggested location was not considered suitable but no response had been received.

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Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Chorley Council again for an explanation as to why they consider there are no suitable locations and that should there be no further response before the next meeting they be asked for a site visit.

(C). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported the current situation regarding the emergency work required at Duxon Hill. Some potholes had been filled in but no major work had been carried out. The Clerk had contacted County Councillor Devaney about the emergency work and he had asked that this work be included in the Highway Repair Programme 2016/17.

At the last meeting he had also asked that Duxon Hill should be swept because of problems with mud and leaves. He confirmed that this had been done.

Resolved:- That reports be accepted.

(D). FOOTPATH - LADY HALL FARM MARSH LANE :

The County Council had been requested to make a site visit but the the County Countryside Service felt that a site visit would not be productive as they were aware of the issue.

County Councillor Devaney had been asked to contact the County Council about this and Councillor Swann regarding problems at Huggarts Farm.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney discuss the question of a site visit with the County Council.

(E). FLOODING NEAR CALVERTS FARM - WATER STREET:

The County Council had been requested to revisit this location several times but had not done so.

A local resident reported flooding near Calverts Cottage.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to revisit the site.

(F). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE - HILLHOUSE LANE:

In the past Councillor Mrs Long indicated that some work had been done privately at this location but flooding occurred opposite. The County Council had been informed and they had replied that the work was listed.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

(G). FLOODING:

Councillor Baldwin reported the current situation regarding flooding near his farm on Birch Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had also reported flooding due to blocked ditches on Dover Lane /Back Lane between Back Lane Farm and the Riding Centre and near Silcocks Farm on Windmill Lane and he reported on the current situation.

Councillor Hindle also referred to the long standing problem of flooding near Sycamore Villas at the junction of Oram Road and Yew Tree Cottage. This was still a problem.

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Councillor Baldwin reported there were blocked gulleys at the junction of Holt Lane and Denham Lane and also at Birchin Lane.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council of flooding problems in Water Street near the Community Hall which had occurred in 2012. Two local residents had recently contacted him about the possibility of this occurring again.

County Councillor Devaney reminded the Parish Council that the County Council policy of clearing gulleys at least once a year had been rescinded.

He also reported on his discussions with residents in Pippin Street regarding flooding problems.

Resolved:- (1) That the reports be accepted.

(2) That County Councillor Devaney be requested to discuss the problems on Birchin Lane, Dover Lane and at Sycamore Villas Oram Road with the County Council.

(3) That the Clerk inform the County Council of the concern of local residents in Water Street.

(4) That the County Council be notified of the blocked drains at Holt Lane and Birchin Lane.

(H). JAPANESE KNOTWEED AND HIMALAYAN BALSAM:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) indicated that he was waiting until the Spring before identifying further areas of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam within the Parish.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(I). PIPPIN STREET -TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

The Clerk reported that a temporary closure order had been made for Pippin Street from the junction of Sandy Lane B5256 to a point outside Thorpe Moss from 25th January to 5th February 2016. The diversion route was Sandy Lane via Smithy Lane and then Pippin Street and vice versa. The closure was to allow electrical connection work.

Resolved:- That the closure be noted and details displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

(J). HIGHWAYS PROJECTS 2016/17:

County Councillor Devaney reminded the Parish Council that the repair of Duxon Hill had been put forward as a project for the Highways Programme 2016/17.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had suggested the ditches on Dover Lane and Windmill Lane as a project required and Councillor Hindle had suggested that Hewngate through Hillhouse Lane to Sandy Lane B5256 also required attention.

The Clerk had informed the County Council about these additional projects.

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported the possible closure of the Places for People site which would mean reduced traffic.

A local resident offered to seek information regarding the closure.

Resolved:- That the action taken be noted and the local resident thanked for his offer.

(K). SMITHY LANE - POTHOLES:

Councillor Nelson had informed the Clerk that there were several potholes on Smithy Lane near the junction with Smithy Close towards Gorton Brook.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

(L). SMITHY CLOSE - FOOTWAY:

A local resident reported that the footway near 48 Smithy Close was lifting and required attention.

Resolved:- That the appropriate authority be informed.

(M). SANDY LANE B5256 - SALT BIN:

Councillor Nelson had informed the Clerk that the salt bin at the junction with Smithy Lane was damaged.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council.

(N). COPTHURST LANE - FLOODING:

Councillor Nelson had informed the Clerk about flooding on Copthurst Lane.

Councillor Baldwin was aware of the situation.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney discuss this with Councillor Baldwin.

(O). ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN:

The Clerk submitted the latest Chorley Area Environment Bulletin.

Councillor Sharratt referred to Bus Services.

Resolved:- That the Bulletin be noted.

(P). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE - SANDY LANE:

A local resident reported that there were problems with the surface of the ginnel again.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council.

(Q). WATER STREET :

Councillor Sharratt reported that there was a large lump of concrete near the 90 degree bend in Water Street which was a hazard to motorists.

A local resident reported that he had moved the concrete to the layby.

Resolved:- That the Neighbourhood Officer be asked to remove the concrete entirely.

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4173. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4174. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

The Clerk reported the following decision had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Conversion of an agricultural building into a single occupancy residential unit with attached granny flat and conversion of shippon to double garage and domestic store Lady Hall Farm Marsh Lane. (App no 15/00966/FUL) Applicant William de Hamel.
- Granted

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that no planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

(C). WEEKLY LISTS:

The Clerk circulated details of changes to the system for the notification of planning applications with effect from 8th January 2016.

Resolved:- That the changes be noted.

(D). ENFORCEMENT:

5 SMITHY LANE.

The Clerk reported the outcome of investigations by the Enforcement Officer into concerns expressed by local residents that the extensions at this property were not in accordance with the permission granted. He had confirmed they were.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

REDEVELOPMENT OF CRABTREE HOUSE HILLHOUSE LANE:

Following the last meeting the Planning Enforcement Officer had investigated whether the building was being constructed in accordance with the permission granted and he had confirmed that it was . The trees which had been cut down were diseased or dying and would be replaced.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4175. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2016	£20.00
2. A. Harkness	Payroll - September to December 2015	£1057.55

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*3. Public Work Loans Board	Repayment of Loan (February 2016 instalment)	£321.46.
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* Payment by Direct Debit

4176. APPLICATION FOR GRANT - BRINDLE VOICE:

The Treasurer of St. James Parish Church submitted a request for a donation towards the publication costs of the magazine. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that the magazine published reports on meetings of the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That in view of the publication of Parish Council proceedings in the magazine a donation of £100.00 be made to Brindle Voice.

4177. AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS:

The Clerk circulated details of the revised audit arrangements for the Parish Council. The present arrangements would continue until 2017. Smaller authorities would be exempt from having to submit an Annual Return but would still need to appoint an auditor in case there were questions from electors to be resolved.

The National Association was to establish a sector led body to procure audit for smaller authorities. There was provision for authorities to opt out of the scheme but this would require the setting up of independent arrangements at a cost to the Council.

The Parish Council was requested to consider whether they wished to opt out of the procedure.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council participate in the Sector Led Body set up by the National Association of Local Councils.

4178. CONSULTATION ON COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET OPTIONS:

The Clerk circulated a letter from the Leader of the County Council regarding the budget options open to the County Council for the period 2016 to 2018.

The consultation period was until 18th January 2016.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4179. WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDIES FOR LOCAL BUS SERVICES:

The Clerk circulated details of the County Council's proposed withdrawal of the subsidy for Local Bus Services from April 2016.

County Councillor Devaney reported that such was the scale of objections to this proposal that the County Council was reconsidering how to decide what services were cut and they were looking at bus services route by route rather than making across the board cuts.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the display of electronic timetables at Bus Stops and noted they appeared to have been discontinued he felt that this could be a potential saving.

The Clerk also submitted a consultation from the County Council about the Closure of the Countryside Service. This mostly affected the management of country parks.

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Resolved:- That the information be noted.

4180. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council was required to produce an annual report on how the funds raised by the levy was spent within the Parish during 2014/15.

No funds were spent in Brindle during the period.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

4181. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE:

The Clerk submitted the draft recommendations of the Boundary Commission on future electoral arrangements for Lancashire. The recommendation for the Brindle and Hoghton ward would mean an increase in the area to take in parts of Wheelton and Clayton Brook.

County Councillor Devaney reported the views of Chorley Council on the electoral districts in Chorley

Resolved:- (1) That the Parish Council considers that whilst parts of Wheelton should be included in the Brindle and Hoghton Ward the parts of Clayton Brook should not be included as the natural boundary of the ward is the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

(2) That the Boundary Commission be informed of the Parish Council's views.

4182. PHONE BOX - TOP OTH LANE:

The Clerk reported that the residents had agreed to maintain the phone box and fund raising was being carried out regarding the provision of a defibrillator. A Resident of Top oth Lane reported on the current situation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4183. THREE TIER LIAISON:

The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Three Tier Liaison Committee held on 21st October 2015. The next meeting would be held in February and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would attend

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4184. CPRE - NEWSLETTER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the November/December Newsletter.

Resolved:- That the newsletter be noted.

4185. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2016/17.

The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2016/17.

Resolved: - That the list of dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2016/17 be agreed subject to further consultation with affected organisations.

4186. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 31st

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January 2016.

Resolved: - That the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) represent the Parish Council at this service.

4187. PARISH PLAN :

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed to give further consideration to the provision of Welcome to Brindle signs at this meeting .

Resolved:- That the consideration be given to the location and type of signs to be provided at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

4188. SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY FLOODING:

The Clerk circulated a press release from Chorley Council regarding the financial support available from Chorley Council for residents affected by flooding.

Resolved:- That the information be displayed on the Notice Boards.

4189. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 8th February 2016 at.7. 30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

8TH FEBRUARY 2016.